THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Sports Development Fund

2513. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had created National Sports Development Fund, for mobilising resources from Government and Non-Government agencies, for promotion of sports and games in the country;

(b) if so, the total amount received in the Fund, and the details of Funds utilised for developing sports in the country, so far; and

(c) the total amount available at present in the Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c)'Initially, the Government contributed an amount of Rs. 200 lakhs during 1998-99, as seed money to the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF). Subsequently, contributions amounting to Rs. 161.60 lakhs have been received from other sources and equivalent amount has been donated by the Government on matching contribution, the amount received in the NSDF is invested in fixed deposits. At present, there are FDs of Rs. 5,91,64,796/- with maturity value of Rs. 6,38,63,825/-. Apart from this an amount of Rs. 3,24,341 /- is in current account of NSDF.

From NSDF, following assistance has been sanctioned/released.

Name of sportsperson assisted	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1. Sh. Abhinav Bindra, Shooter	Rs. 20 lakhs	Rs. 15 lakhs
2. Sh. Anil Kumar, Athlete	Rs. 10 lakhs	__